

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 926

By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Clayton E. McKinney of Kingsport.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Clayton E. McKinney; and

WHEREAS, Clayton McKinney was an exemplary public servant and consummate pharmacist who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Winchester, Tennessee, Mr. McKinney had lived in Sullivan and Hawkins counties since 1965; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, he graduated from the University of Tennessee School of Pharmacy in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Clayton McKinney came to Kingsport in 1965, with the late Jasper Kern; together they opened and operated the Mount Carmel Drug Store; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKinney served with acumen and alacrity for thirty-eight years as an owner and operator of the Mount Carmel Drug Store, in which position he earned the respect of health care professionals and his customers alike for the exemplary quality of his work; he took a much deserved retirement in 2003; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of First Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, possessed of a deep appreciation for nature and the great outdoors, Mr. McKinney indulged in his favorite pastimes of gardening and fishing; he enjoyed maintaining his beautiful lawn and traveling in his motor home; and

WHEREAS, Clayton McKinney was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of thirty-nine years, Jewell Ball McKinney, and was the proud father of Brian Clayton McKinney and Brent “Jack” McKinney; and

WHEREAS, he will also be sorely missed by his three sisters and brother-in-law, Sue Milan, Jan and Pete Goeforth, and Kay McKinney; father-in-law, Jack Ball; sisters-in-law, Joyce Patton and husband, Ray, and Judy Cox and husband, Bill; brother-in-law, Jackie Ball and wife, Sue; special niece, Jeannie Cox; and several other nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKinney was preceded in death by his parents, Carlton C. and Willie Mae Tate McKinney; and

WHEREAS, Clayton E. McKinney leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant, and pharmacist, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Clayton E. McKinney, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. McKinney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.